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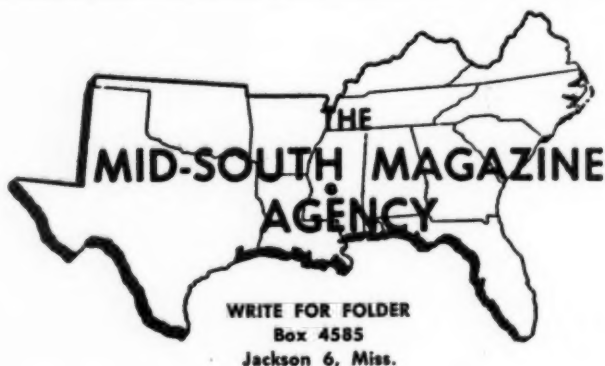
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The talented foursome on the cover will direct activities of the Mississippi Library Association during 1962. They are, seated, left to right: Maria Person, Gulfport, vice president; Nell Davis, Leurel, treasurer; standing: Margarette Peebles, Starkville, secretary; and Glida Bethea, Hattiesburg, president.

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# Editorial Comments . . .

## Open Letter To MLA Members

Dear Members:

Thank you for the privilege of serving as your president during 1961. I consider myself fortunate in having had the opportunity of working with all of you. There are no finer people anywhere than those in the Mississippi Library Association.

I believe the Association has made great strides forward in the past and will continue to do so. Our membership has increased steadily over the years. Presently, to my knowledge, there are only 13 state associations with larger membership. As you all know, **Mississippi Library News**, our official publication, ranks among the best in the library field. Committee work, as well as other between-convention activities, was at a high level. Some of the results of these activities will be of long-lasting benefit to the Association and the people of Mississippi.

Our recently concluded convention offered us outstanding speakers from all over the country. In all phases, it was well planned and executed. The local arrangements and exhibits were handled in expert fashion. I have received countless favorable comments on its success.

In 1962, the Association will be under the direction of your capable incoming president, Glida Bethea, and her new executive board. I am sure that she can count on the continued wonderful support which I have been fortunate to have had in 1961.

Best wishes.

ALAN G. SKELTON

## We Salute Maria Person

With this issue of **Mississippi Library News** Maria Person resigns as reporter of the Public Library Section. Miss Person is president-elect of MLA which necessitates her relinquishing the reporting office. We want to publicly express genuine appreciation for the high quality of her service. The excellent manner in which she handled this responsibility is typical of her professional integrity and performance.

We echo an appreciation of Miss Person appearing in a recent issue of a Coast newspaper which said among other commendatory things: "Due to her dedication to her profession and to her high professional standards, this area has a library second to none in the same budget range in the quality and quantity of materials available to the public. This accomplishment has been made in spite of the handicap of too small a building — and it has been due to Miss Person's ingenuity that the crowded conditions and lack of space have not too greatly hindered service to the community. Gulfport and Harrison County are indebted to Miss Person for seventeen years of devotion to the credo of the professional librarian: 'the right book for the right person at the right time'."

Thank you, Maria Person, we salute you! Our best wishes for the same high quality of achievement as a leader of Mississippi Library Association.

Mrs. Douglas Bateman, director of the Lowndes County Library System, has been named new reporter for the public libraries section.



## **MLA Convention Draws Large Attendance; Speakers Discuss Variety Of Topics**

**By Mrs. C. C. Clark  
Chairman, Editorial Board**

We went to the Convention, we talked some, we listened a lot, we were charmed, we were fascinated — almost frightened, we agreed at some points, we disagreed at others — but all in all, we joined the constant chorus that was heard around, "This is MLA's best program yet."

Glida Bethea and her program committee did a job deserving much credit for bringing such outstandingly capable people together in one convention.

We were charmed by the gracious president of the American Library Association, Mrs. Florrinell Morton, our neighbor from LSU Library School. Her approach to her subject, "Developing Our Human Resources," indicated the depth of her dedication, the range of her information and the keenness of her intellect.

We were fascinated (almost frightened) with Dr. Shera's description of those machines that are on the brink of thinking. He reassured us when he said they would never displace the human mind, even though we are on

the verge of an exciting future with them. The implications for librarians were based on research and experimentation being done at Western Reserve University, where Dr. Shera is Dean of the Library School. The experimentation is being done in the field of metallurgy. He said, "When such machines become practical for library use, 70 to 75 reference questions can be answered at one time." He warned, however, that much will depend on the strategy we use in getting people to ask intelligent and precise questions, for machines can handle only precise material, human beings are a bit less selective. Dr. Shera reached many librarians at a familiar level when he said, "Any fool can ask a question that a wise man cannot answer." Thank you, Dr. Shera, for coming to Jackson. Our horizons have been broadened, our concepts of the value of communication have been strengthened and we appreciate more than ever that the "book and the human mind are a team."

Dr. Acker's illustrated talk on



**Mrs. Morton**



**Mrs. Lynch**



**Hudson Strode**



"Reading" should be heard by all who shape the child's reading habits — the parent, the teacher and the librarian. Not only was his talk challenging and excellent, he went even further to captivate his audience with his illustrative cartoons. He proved by them that visual education is more effective than audio education. The teacher would have been stimulated to re-examine his methods of teaching reading. Dr. Acker thinks most of us were short-changed on this important skill. Not a champion of the "Rapid Reading" programs sweeping the country today, he does believe that reading can be speeded up for the average reader from the national average of two hundred and fifty words per minute with only sixty-five per cent comprehension, to six hundred and fifty words per minute with seventy-five per cent comprehension. How? Well, primarily with the help of skilled instructors (which he is at the U. S. Army Engineer School, Ft. Belvoir, Virginia). Among some leading reading faults he mentions poor eye movement. We learned that we only read when the eye is at rest. If the eyes shift with each word, reading is slowed down — so we read groups of words, not single ones, says Dr. Acker, if we want to speed up reading. Vocabulary is essential to good reading as is the ability to get the salient facts from reading without



constant regression. Certainly a good reader never vocalizes — vocalizing can be immobile, he warned us. Dr. Acker, you were stimulating even though a bit depressing as we realized our helplessness in the midst of such a vast store of information that surrounds us . . . maybe that's what an eternity is for.

That vivacious president of the American Library Trustees Association, Mrs. Lynch, another neighbor from Louisiana, opening her speech with those hauntingly beautiful words of Robert Frost's "But I have promises to keep and miles to go before I sleep," got and held her audience from start to finish. She called for the intellectual, economic and emotional commitment of the trustee. Defining the role of the trustee as a public trust she stated, "The public trusts us to tell them, to sell them and then to make them do it," in the area of library development. She with assurance said, "A good library is as necessary to the economic climate of a town as a good water or road system."

And then there was Hudson Strode. Regardless of whether he convinced all his audience that Jefferson Davis should be raised to the status of a national hero, no one failed to be captivated by the researcher's joy he exuded as he related the discovery of those attributes of his subject that no

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These are a few of our many exhibitors who helped make the 1961 Mississippi Library Association convention so successful. We urge our MLA members to deal with those who support the Mississippi Library Association and the Mississippi Library News.

other biographer had yet been able to do. Dr Strode said, "Since Robert E. Lee, the Confederate soldier, has been accepted as a national hero, one can hope that by the war Centenary's end in 1965, all Americans may come to appreciate the true caliber of Jefferson Davis, the President. For all of us, North and South, there should be a proud consolation that such a man as Jefferson Davis once lived in these latitudes." Strode is convinced that Jefferson Davis was a victim of vituperative fabrications by inimical editors and a few disappointed generals. "Jefferson Davis had to drink as bitter a cup as any man in all American history," said he, "but he endured, and rose above the persecutions of enemies and his country's tragic fate because he was sustained by Grace." We are appreciative of Hudson Strode's foreign lands' type of books but we are glad to note in his own words, "I am now turning away from two decades of love affairs with foreign countries to the southern field..." He is currently at work on the third and last volume of the biography of Jefferson Davis. He has the rare

combination of a good speaker and a good writer. Long will we remember the many incidents in Davis' life that this speaker told so well.

The largest number in the history of the association attended the convention. Tables had to be added here and there, more chairs squeezed in, as librarians and trustees showed enthusiastic interest in MLA's program.

Elsewhere in this issue is a report on our new officers and their many talents and achievements.

A special article has been devoted to the panel discussion featuring Phil Ogilvie, Gene Cazenave and Bob Webb. Don't fail to read their interesting views on the place of reading in life today.

A digest of Sarah Reed's speech, "Challenges in Academic Library Education" to the College Section appears elsewhere.

Many thanks are due the splendid slate of officers who conducted the affairs of the Mississippi Library Association during the past year and who climaxed their already splendid accomplishments with the best convention yet.

## MLA Elects Outstanding Officers

Glida Bethea, Librarian of the Hattiesburg High School, was elected president of the Mississippi Library Association for 1962 at its convention in Jackson.

Also elected as officers for 1962 are: Maria Person, Gulfport, vice president and president-elect; Nell Davis, Laurel, treasurer; and Margarete Peebles, Starkville, secretary.

Miss Bethea, who is the 1961 vice president of Mississippi Library Association, has also served as vice-chairman of the School Library Section, and has been active in sponsoring the Student Library Assistants of Mississippi. She holds two degrees from Mississippi Southern College and has done graduate work at George Washington University and Louisiana State University.

Miss Person is the director of the Gulfport Carnegie-Harrison County Library. She was educated in Port Gib-

son, the University of Alabama and Louisiana State University, where she received her degree in Library Science.

Miss Davis, a lifelong resident of Laurel, is the librarian of Laurel's Lauren Rogers Library and Museum of Art, where she has been employed since 1940. She also taught in the Jones Junior High School in Laurel. She received her B. A. from Southwestern at Memphis and her B. S. in Library Science from the University of Illinois.

Miss Peebles has spent most of her professional life at the library of Mississippi State University, where she is head of the Circulation Department. She received her bachelor's degree and has done graduate study at Mississippi State and received her degree in Library Science from George Peabody College. She also attended M. S. C. W.

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## "Reading For Living" Panel Offers Fresh, Exciting Approach To Books And People

One of the most interesting discussions of the convention brought together a librarian, a businessman and a newspaper editor to discuss the role and influence of reading in life.

Speaking on "Reading for Living" at the Second General Meeting of the convention were Phil Ogilvie, librarian, Jackson Public Libraries; Eugene Cazenave, college employment coordinator for Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company; and Robert Webb, associate editor of the Jackson State Times.

Summing up the librarian's role, Ogilvie said: "We read for living and for giving so that we can guide others to self-fulfillment through the printed word. As librarians we know that every book that has ever been printed can contribute something to understanding if a reader applies himself to it with right motives, and we recognize that special circumstances demand special reading emphasis.

"Our patrons may read many books from cover to cover for the sheer joy of doing so. Much of our precious reading time must be given not to our own personal interests, but to the broader interests of the community. We must read the census, community studies, newspapers, etc., in order to forecast the needs of our communities.

"Much that we must read is far from entertaining, but it is enlightening. A new industry calls for related matter in our library collections. A social crisis places demands, too. Good citizenship is as much a matter of being informed as it is of being well-disposed, and we librarians are indispensable to the purposes of preparing an informed citizenry.

"We must meet the challenge of ignorance. Public librarians must give. This is an age of challenge and we must assume the responsibility for people needing to know the facts. We touch only 25% of the people. The



Appearing on the "Reading for Living" panel were, from left: Mrs. C. C. Clark, moderator; Robert Webb, associate editor, State Times; Phil Ogilvie, Jackson librarian; Eugene Cazenave, college employment coordinator, Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Co.

Russians are reading and reading. We, as librarians, must feed the minds of our community. We must serve as guides. We must be missionaries rather than custodians."

Eugene Cazenave centered his discussion on the phase, "Getting the Most From Your Reading." He divided his talk into three phases: finding time to read; reading systematically; and reading effectively.

Of finding time to read, Cazenave said: "We don't find time to read, we take it."

Moving to the second item of a reading system — reading systematically — Cazenave recommended Fadiman's "Lifetime Reading Plan", "Good Reading" — Committee on College Reading, edited by J. S. Weber and Adler's "How to Read a Book" (book list section) as invaluable aids in selecting the right reading.

"Also, book reviews and book digests are most helpful in selecting good (balanced) reading," Cazenave said. He preferred one paragraph book digests which lead the reader into interest in the book rather than the condensed "Reader's Digest" version.

"It was suggested that we might comment on active and passive reading and this conception seems to come from the fact that many persons in reading books will direct themselves to Page 1 and then read (at about 100 to 200 words a minute) until they lay the book aside. This is usually unsatisfactory reading. Actually, we should read in both the skimming fashion and deep thorough fashion — as the material requires," Cazenave said.

"It is very profitable to first scan a book — read the publisher's views on the inside covers — read the title page, table of contents, and particularly the author's introduction. By doing this we can get an overview of what the book is about and its organization.

It has been said by one author (Adler) that we should read a book three times — not necessarily three consec-

utive readings but three simultaneous readings (I. Organizationally; II. Interpretatively, and III. Comparatively.)

Cazenave also told the group that he finds it most helpful to make a personal table of contents, usually in the back of the book — jotting down ideas which appeal to him and giving page numbers.

Discussing the importance of reading in life today, Robert Webb said: "Today the printed word has a special mission, to bring light to a darkening world. 'What it was in the past, what it was even 10 years ago, the printed word today has the sacred duty to inspire men, to illuminate dark rooms, to spark thinking and acting at its highest.'"

"The beauty of the printed word is that it often permits man to say what he could not otherwise. For certainly in the quietness of thought, in choosing what to write, man meets his soul. Before him ought to flash keen insights into his motives. Are they honest? Are they just? Or do they serve only as a mirror of the baser instincts of man?"

"For what he writes he will forever be responsible. Remember what the late Senator Neuberger said about printed word versus the spoken. 'You can never call back the printed word.'"

Webb compared reading and the mind with sunlight and a garden. "The mind needs books to grow," he said.

"If our motive for reading is merely to keep up culturally with the Jones', so to speak, or to appear learned and informed, I think we have missed the great riches of reading. With a conscientious, open-minded, full-hearted, honest effort to see in all reading part of a great plan to make our lives meaningful to others, to family, state and nation, we will experience reading at its height. We need to read for vision for ourselves and for our nation," Webb said.

Mrs. C. C. Clark was moderator for the panel discussion.



## John Holland To Head 1962 National Library Week's Mississippi Committee

John Holand, Mayor of Vicksburg, has been named to head National Library Week, 1962 in Mississippi.

Holland will spearhead a drive for more and better reading throughout the state. As chairman of the Mississippi Committee for National Library Week, April 8-14, Holland will appoint a group of civic, church and school leaders to conduct the drive in every section of Mississippi.

Mrs. Annie Bess Hinton, coordinator of public services for the Mississippi Library Commission, is state executive director of National Library Week.

National Library Week was started five years ago and each year Mississippians have shown increased interest and participation in its celebration. Last year under Chairman Judge W. N. Ethridge, Jr., associate justice of the Mississippi Supreme Court, almost every municipality in the state took an active part.

Mayor Holland, who was named "Young Man of the Year" by the State Junior Chamber of Commerce in 1958, is vitally interested in the development of libraries and the encouragement of reading on all levels by the people of Mississippi. Mayor Holland is a former member of the State Committee for National Library Week and is also a past speaker at the Mississippi Library Association's annual convention.

Mayor of Vicksburg since 1957, Holland has been local president, state president and national vice-president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce; is a member of the Vicksburg Chamber of Commerce; on the executive committee of the Mississippi Municipal Association; the legislative committee of the Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers Association; a director in the Mississippi Industrial and Technological Research Commission, and vice-president of the Young Democrats of Mississippi.



John Holland



Alan Skelton, president of the Mississippi Library Association, presents a certificate of appreciation to Judge W. N. Ethridge, 1961 chairman of the Mississippi Committee for National Library Week. The certificate is from the National Book Committee which sponsors the annual event. Under Judge Ethridge's leadership National Library Week, 1961, achieved new heights. More people, towns and civic, church and school groups participated than ever before.



# Librarians Enthusiastic Over Workshops

(The third and fourth in-service training workshops, in the 1961 series, sponsored by the Public Library Section of the Mississippi Library Association, were held on September 14-15 and November 16-17 respectively at the Mississippi Library Commission. Brief reports follow.)

## Library Business And Records Workshop

Forty-four library personnel who are responsible for the business of the library's operation attended the Library Business and Records Workshop and went thoroughly into such vital matters as: Insurance, workmen's compensation, individual liability arising from use of bookmobiles and station wagons, fidelity bonds, social security and retirement and valuable paper policies. Consultants for this portion of the program were: John Craig, chairman, Workmen's Compensation Commission; J. R. Preston, McArthur and Preston Insurance; Carl Black, rating director, Insurance Commission; Fred Walker, administrative assistant, Public Employee's Retirement System. Mary Love presided over this section of the program.

Book selection records such as, handling reserves and inter-library loans, circulation, catalog and shelf list, acquisitions and withdrawals were considered by a panel consisting of Dorothy Hayes, Anona Jenkins, Evie White and Martha Couty.

"Office Manners," an illustrated talk from the secretary's point of view, by Dolores Craft, Secretary in the office of Fox-Everett Insurance Agency and "Secretary of the Year" was the highlight for the many clerical workers at the workshop.

Mrs. Currier discussed the importance of the annual report to the Commission and a panel made of Mrs. Esther Vaughn, Philip Ogilvie, Mrs. Frances Shelton and Betty Neill talked about library budgets and the reports needed for financial records for the library board of trustees' meetings.

What proved to be one of the most interesting features of the program took place in the Technical Process-

ing Center of the Commission where members of the Commission Staff assisted by Bill Hearm of Standard Stationers set up a series of demonstrations and exhibits of office equipment and supplies.

The luncheon speaker was Donald W. Newton, public relations consultant, Jackson. A summary of his talk on "Good Public Relations" follow.

## Branch Librarians Workshop

More than 100 enthusiastic and eager branch librarians and a few other library personnel from all over the state attended the fourth and last workshop in the year's series. Attesting to the success of this workshop are some of the quotes from letters received from the participants, such as "... the meeting was fine, not only in an inspirational way but for the practical workable things I needed to know." "Mrs. Schenk and Mr. Ogilvie were wonderful and I hope they didn't see me with my mouth wide open listening." "If I could call back the 10 years I've been in the library I might have a chance now to become a librarian. But I assure you that the balance of the time that I do have will be put to good advantage." "I believe everyone agreed that the workshop was exactly what we all needed and I do hope that it can be repeated each year." "I have always wanted to see the operation of the Library Commission and they really showed us the whole operation — every department seemed to be perfectly staffed and oiled to the last degree."

Outstanding consultants for the workshop were Mrs. Gretchen Schenk of Summerdale, Ala., and Philip S. Ogilvie, director of the Jackson Public Libraries. Mrs. Schenk remembered first coming to Mississippi in 1949 when "there were fewer libra-

rians in the whole state than there are here at this meeting." She not only commended Mississippi for its outstanding place in the field of library development but put the members of the group at ease which made for two hours of helpful back and forth conversation on "The Librarian Inside the Library." "The longer a person is a librarian the greater respect he has for people," said Mrs. Schenk. "A good librarian develops humility. He knows that librarianship is a life-long process of learning — we can never stop learning about human nature, and we can never stop studying our merchandise."

Mr. Ogilvie's contribution considered "The Librarian Outside the Library." Mr. Ogilvie always leaves his listeners with the feeling that libraries are dynamic institutions and that the librarian is THE most important person in the community. "He has in his keeping much of the cultural potential of the community and his calling is that of a missionary rather than a custodian of books," he said. Assisting Mr. Ogilvie in this discussion was a reactor

panel consisting of Evelyn Tackett, Mrs. Delmas Harden, Mrs. Katie Mae Barnette, Mrs. T. U. Cole and Mrs. John Peeler. Mrs. C. C. Clark moderated the discussion.

The participation of the attendants was high. Each librarian was given an opportunity to check his own branch against standards set up in the "Branch Manual" and they talked about their weaknesses and strengths. They were also given the opportunity by means of an "Honestly Now" sheet to anonymously make comments about their directors. Mrs. Lura G. Currier led this portion of the program. Mary Love presented in an interesting way the various types of library systems operating in the state.

The enthusiastic response to all four of the year's workshops was outstanding and the four planned for 1962 should attract equal support. Tentative plans call for emphasis on services of the library for the new series. Continuing professional development, no matter the educational background of the librarian, is necessary to meet the needs of a changing world.

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Public Relations . . .

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They may be good relations . . . or bad. But whatever their quality, it still boils down to this lowest common denominator. Your public relations are your relations with your public.

And, good or bad . . . they show all the time.

Now let's take the term one step farther.

When Mrs. Clark called me the other day and asked me to talk to you, she told me my subject. And I wrote it down.

I wrote it —

"Your Public Relations Shows all the time."

Yesterday when I saw it printed on this agenda, it read —

"Your Public Relations Show all the time."

I made a mistake in grammar by making the term singular when I wrote "Your Public Relations shows . . ."

And I am confessing to poor grammar for a purpose.

Unless you can make the term singular, you will suffer poor public relations.

Generally speaking, your public relations concern your image with hundreds or even thousands of people.

But you can never enjoy good pub-

lic relations until you can apply the rules of good public relations on an individual basis.

So again, let's reduce it to the lowest common denominator.

What is a crowd?

It's simply a lot of individuals.

And here is the most basic lesson you can learn in public relations. If you want to convince a crowd of people, there's no better way than to take them one at a time.

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Of course, it's impossible to please every individual. But it's not impossible to TRY to please him. And when you make a genuine effort with patience and a friendly attitude, you often will win him even though you might have failed him.

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I am frequently asked the question, "How should we go about building good public relations for our organization?"

The answer is the same for a business or industry or a library:

First, put your own house in order. Develop high standards of operation and a sincere desire to serve the public — on an individual basis. There is a great deal of truth in the saying, "public relations begin at home."

Second, put your operating policy down in black and white. I am sure all of you know your basic policies and concepts of service, but putting them into writing will clarify your objectives.

Third: Analyze your program. Is there anything you know which can be done to improve your library service? Are your stacks arranged for the convenience and consumption of the book borrower?

Are you selecting books most suited to your clientele and your community? . . . Do you know what your people want to read?

Are you telling the public what you are doing?

Notice, I put "telling the public" last. Too many uninformed people

think of public relations as "publicity."

Publicity is a tool of public relations. But it can be effectively used only when you can present a sincere account of a program of service. No amount of publicity can whitewash a mediocre program.

In this age of the astronaut you, as librarians, have one of the most important missions in your community. If someone hurts, they'll go to the doctor. If they're hungry, they'll buy groceries or a meal. The teacher has a captive audience.

Only the minister and the librarian must depend entirely on the impressions they make on their publics for their success or failure.

I repeat. Yours is one of the most important missions in your community. When you lift the latch to open the door and let some eager child or some wrinkled and stooped old lady — and all the others in between — into your library, you are pressing the button that fires a missile that can send that child spiraling into the boundless space of words — of learning — of ideas. You're giving him the opportunity to broaden his scope of life — to widen his world of understanding and he in turn will pass it on to another generation.

Or you might be turning back the pages of time for the little old lady . . . because the missile you fire when you lift your latch is also a time capsule and it can take her back into the happiness of her youth . . . just as it can send the child plummeting into the future.

But if your public relations wires are crossed. If your relay system or the fuel system of your missile is inadequate, your moment of opportunity might be lost . . . and it quite possibly might not be brought back to the launching pad again.

The guidance you give, everything you say or do, is your public relations. And your library thrives only on good public relations.

## Library Business And Records Workshop



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## The Professional Corner

### Emory Announces Barker Fellowship

The Tommie Dora Barker Fellowship for graduate study in the Division of Librarianship of Emory University will be awarded for the fourth time in 1962-1963. Established by graduates and friends when Miss Barker retired as Director of the Division in 1954, the award now amounts to \$1200. Application should be made by April 15,

1962, to the Director, Division of Librarianship, Emory University, Atlanta 22, Georgia.

The Barker Fellowship was last awarded in 1960-61. The recipient was Betty E. Callaham, who is now on the staff of the South Carolina State Library Board in Columbia.

### Library Binding Institute Scholarship Award

Applications are now being accepted for the 1962 Library Binding Institute \$1,000.00 Scholarship Award. To be eligible, a student must be accepted in a library school, accredited by the American Library Association's Committee of Accreditation, be recommended by the dean, and show financial need.

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rians who are doing work in a special area of research through a library school are also eligible.

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## Are Librarians Really Moldy?

(Editor's Note: With thanks to the Arizona Library Extension Service, "Road-Runner," State Department of Library and Archives, Vol. V, No. 2, October, 1961.)

Is it possible to extract penicillin from the mold that grows on the north side of librarians?

This question is quite frequently asked by a certain two young men who devote much valuable time and effort to the fine art of teasing their mother.

"Of course it is only a joke — but is it? Suggesting to promising young people that they consider librarianship as a career often leaves them completely speechless; their only answer being an incredulous stare. To be a librarian, to voluntarily choose a fate worse than death, to bury oneself forever in the stacks where there are no young men and young women who enjoy sports and dancing and moonlight rides and folksingers. But why do young people feel this way, and on what do they base their opinions? On us, probably.

Are we so stuffy? Are we so busy being good librarians that we forget to be people? Horrible thought! If this is the case, isn't it about time we give this matter some consideration?

We are definitely in need of professional librarians. According to statistics gathered by Donald E. Wright, Director of Small Libraries Project of the American Library Association, nearly 6,000 of the 7,500 public libraries in the United States serve populations of 10,000 or less. The majority of these public libraries are directed by librarians who have not had the benefit of professional training. These communities, in 1956, had only 1,600 librarians and the libraries served twelve and one-half million persons.

We are facing a crisis — the shortage of library school graduates. Thousands of positions are open, and li-

brary school enrollment gives no indication of increasing.

If there is a further decrease in our supply of educated librarians, the program of development anticipated by the implementation of the Library Services Act will gradually decline into a state of inertia.

Let us be proud of librarianship; we are not ashamed of being librarians, are we? Ridiculous! Of course, we are proud of our profession, and we enjoy our work, so let's show these young people that we take pride in our work, and let's share our enjoyment with them. Let's look and act alive. It is not undignified to show enthusiasm for our profession. Let the outside world know that we are real people, that we have families, that we have friends in other walks of life, that we have hobbies, that we laugh and have fun.

Publicity is important and is not to be underrated, but there is nothing so important as personal contact. Few professions offer the wide variety of work situations that librarianship does. There are the four major types of libraries: public, school, college or university, and special, which provide opportunities to serve at home or abroad. The scope of these libraries embraces administration, reference, documents, acquisitions, cataloging and classification, audio-visual, public relations, work with young people and children, county and regional library service.

These are a few of the many kinds of work in each library.

Salaries compare favorably with those in other professions requiring similar preparation and having like educational and social purposes.

Working conditions, on the average, do not suffer by comparison with other professions. In some localities, of course, this is not true, and here again

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## Mississippi Authors Pen New Works

Several noteworthy volumes by Mississippi authors have been published recently. Included among these new works by state authors are: "Mississippi in the Confederacy," by Dr. John Bettersworth, Mississippi State University, and Dr. James W. Silver, University of Mississippi; "A Lift for the Confederacy," a dairy of Private Robert A. Moore from Holly Springs; and "Some Oaks Grow Small," by Cyrus Tappscott Roberts, former mayor

of Nettleton and a native of Monroe County.

"Mississippi in the Confederacy" with editorial direction by Miss Charlotte Capers, Department of Archives and History, won critical acclaim in the October 1 issue of the New York Times Book Review. Reviewer Earl S. Miers, whose numerous contributions to the Civil War bookshelf include the recent "The American Civil War," stated: "Both Dr. Bettersworth and Dr. Silver are accomplished historians. Their anthologies sparkle with new material . . . For Civil War buffs, these volumes promise fun and profit, a considerable achievement these days."

"A Lift for the Confederacy" is a genuine diary. It records faithfully all aspects of soldier life. Because of its honesty, its fullness and the abundant light which it throws on the character, attitudes, and activities of the men in grey, the book is an important document and a worthy addition to the historical literature of the Civil War.

In "Some Oaks Grow Small" Cyrus Roberts has done what many people talk of doing. He has penned his autobiography, coupling with it some of the philosophy he learned from his ancestors and some that has evolved from his own experience. In "Some Oaks Grow Small" he covers a vast expanse of personal history that necessarily includes a great deal of Mississippi history — since his family has long been identified with the state. Many famous names of Mississippi are included in the work. It is an interesting book from many standpoints and well worth the reading.

Mrs. S. Metela Williams, a library science instructor at the Louisiana State University, died recently. She will be remembered as the featured speaker of a 1958 in-service training workshop.

### DR. SHERA TO WRITE FOR WILSON LIBRARY BULLETIN

"Without Reserve" is the title of a new column which began in the September issue of WILSON LIBRARY BULLETIN. The writer of the column is Jesse H. Shera, Dean of the School of Library Science, Western Reserve University. Dr. Shera will be remembered with delight by many who heard him speak at the College Section luncheon during MLA convention. "Without Reserve" will appear monthly and we may anticipate with interest Dr. Shera's frank and refreshing opinions and professional comments.

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it is our fault and it is up to us to work toward the improvement of salaries and the betterment of working conditions in our own libraries.

To be sure, not everyone is fitted for librarianship. A liking for people and a sincere desire to help them is essential; also an attachment to books and a curiosity about them along with imagination, tact, energy, initiative and good health.

Success in the profession is shared by men and women of quite different temperaments; so let's tell the library story, let's tell it over and over, by word of mouth and by example. We're not moldy, and we don't want to give anyone any excuse to think that we are. Furthermore, who ever heard of a librarian's having time to grow mold on the north side or any other side?

## Public Libraries

### Retiring Librarians Honored For Service



MRS. TRAPP



MRS. McFARLANE

Retiring Librarians Mrs. O. T. Trapp, Sr., of the Lee County Library, and Mrs. A. D. McFarlane of the Drew Public Library have been honored for their outstanding work with people and books.

Mrs. Trapp was named "Most Valuable Worker" by the Lee County Librarians for her dedication and her ability to work effectively in so many capacities.

Mrs. Trapp began with the Lee County Library in 1942 as a bookmobile driver. When in 1952 her health no longer permitted the strenuous effort of constantly driving the huge vehicle over all types of roads in all kinds of weather, she accepted responsibilities inside library headquarters as head of the processing and mending departments.

For a span of six years, from 1953 to 1959, Mrs. Trapp served on Saturdays as librarian of East Tupelo, bookmobile branch of Lee County Library. During that time she endeared herself to patrons as she met their reading needs. She is especially remembered as the founder of the Book Club, later known as "The Travel Club."

Mrs. McFarlane received special recognition from her co-workers and was saluted by an article in the Ruleville Record which said in part, "She has guided our youngsters through the years in selecting suitable reading material and always helped to find that 'particular' book for young and old, sometimes borrowing in order to fill a request. Mrs. McFarlane may have reached and passed retirement age in years, but she is young in ideas and spirit, and important to a lady — she doesn't look it."

Mrs. McFarlane served the Drew library for 25 years. She saw the library grow from a small collection to more than 3000 volumes. Hundreds of magazines were distributed during her tenure — many to sick and shut-ins and to children needing them in their school work.

Both Mrs. Trapp and Mrs. McFarlane are to be commended on their outstanding work in the field of librarianship. They will be missed by all those with whom they came in contact in their daily activities at the Lee County and Drew libraries.

# Around The Libraries

## MERIDIAN PUBLIC

The MERIDIAN LIBRARY has several new employees: MRS. EDITH LOPER, who has been Circulation Assistant, is now our Circulation Supervisor, replacing MRS. SALLIE CHANCELLOR, who retired during the summer, and her new assistant is MRS. MARY ERLE SMITH. We also have a new General Library Assistant (Allah be praised!) who will serve to fill the gaps when people are out either for sickness or vacations. She is MRS. ISABEL GUNN. MRS. MARGARET BYRD, who used to be our Cataloger, is now working at the Meridian Municipal Junior College as Assistant to the Librarian, and her place has been taken by MRS. PEGGY GILLILAND, a former teacher in the Meridian Schools.

The city of Meridian has been having a personnel management firm make a study of its job classification and pay scale, and we thought that it would be wise to get them to review ours as a supplementary job. They are now doing so, and we are happy that we will have a professional opinion on what we should do about these matters.

## PORT GIBSON

A staff member of the Minneapolis Public Library was somewhat shaken recently by a young caller who asked, "When does the library end?" The librarian at HARRIET PERSON MEMORIAL was pleased to be asked instead, "When does the library come on?"

An open house was held November 8th for friends and patrons to meet members of the Library Commission who reorganized and rearranged the library last summer.

## BAY ST. LOUIS

The City-County Memorial Library in BAY ST. LOUIS in cooperation with four schools, is giving a series of five lectures to a group of students selected by the schools. In September they had their first lecture, "Currency," by C. M. DOISEAU, who is sponsoring the series and the second was "Rocks and Minerals," by DR. R. A. STEIN MEYER of Tulane (Professor of Geology, retired). The other three will be "Shakespeare," "History of Writing and Printing," and "Prehistoric Eras." A Shakespearean movie is to be shown locally in conjunction with the lecture.

The library has started a fines system and formed a Reading Committee to select books to be bought with the money. This committee is headed by C. M. DOISEAU, who has given and loaned many lovely books which the library could not afford to buy.

## CLARKSDALE

An exhibition of natural light portraits by WILLIAM C. CONNELL, JR., of Clarksdale, was the first show of the fall season at CLARKSDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY. Approximately 20 pictures were on display in the library in October for 2½ weeks. The Connell technique represented a rebellion against the usual formal, studio-posed type of portrait. The portraits reveal-

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ed a remarkable use of light and emphasized both natural appearances of the subject and natural background.

The 13th annual Coahoma County Arts and Crafts Exhibits was held at Carnegie Public Library in Clarksdale from November 6-18. Approximately 250 articles have been placed on exhibit by 60 artists. A wide variety of arts and crafts are shown each year which include oil paintings, watercolors, needlework ceramic, wood carvings, handicrafts, etc. Over 900 people visited the exhibit.

During the month of December there is at the Carnegie Public Library of Clarksdale an exhibit of oil paintings by MARGARET FITZHUGH BROWNE of Boston, Mas. Miss Browne's pictures will consist of portraits and flower studies. Miss Browne is listed in *Who's Who in America* and *Who's Who in Art*. She is the author of the book, "Portrait Paintings."

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## NATCHEZ

The City of Natchez is considering calling a 2½ million dollar bond election, of which the library has a small part.

## LINCOLN-LAWRENCE REGIONAL

Children's Book Week was observed in the Lincoln-Lawrence Regional Library system with the display of new books and the presentation at the schools of certificates earned in the summer reading program.

A change in library hours in the Lincoln-Lawrence Regional Library system allows libraries to remain open on Tuesdays and Thursdays until 8 P. M. — other days until 5:30 P. M.

## YAZOO CITY

Big things are happening at the Ricks Memorial Library in Yazoo City. They report that they have Fairy Godmothers working for them — the Mississippi Library Commission and the Junior Auxiliary of Yazoo City.

The Library Commission is furnishing a most able Librarian, FELIX SCHOLTZ of South Africa, to direct the work being done, and the Junior Auxiliary Girls are working like the proverbial beavers. "It's all just wonderful," MRS. M. P. DERDEN, Librarian, writes.

## LEE COUNTY LIBRARY

"The Rewards of Reading" was the subject of Manie Berry's talk to a group of 40 Negro women from the entire county. Using a display of books, she told of helpful and enjoyable materials to be found at the A. M. Strange Negro Branch Library, books that would be of benefit in their occupations and daily lives.

Books are not men and yet they  
are alive,  
They are man's memory and his  
aspiration,  
They link between his present and  
his past  
The tools he builds with.

— Stephen Vincent Benet.



Ninety Starkville children enjoyed an unusually dramatic story hour at the Starkville Public Library on Halloween when they viewed a play by Professor Peyton Williams of Mississippi State University. The play featured a Mystery Man who spent his summer checking on the reading habits of the Starkville children and a wicked old witch who sought to extract this information from him. Roland Byrd of Brookhaven, a student at Mississippi State, played the Mystery Man and Sara Kopelle of Starkville was the witch. Assisting in making the production a success was Miss Louise Gill.



Another new library opened its world of books to the public on October 15th. In Quitman dedication and open house was held for its lovely new library. The library at Quitman is the 15th library to open in Mississippi during 1961.

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## Mrs. Booth Heads Capital Area Library

Mrs. Martha Owens Booth, a native of Aberdeen, has been appointed director of the Capital Area Regional Library with headquarters in Raymond. Mrs. Booth was graduated from M. S. C. W. and has taken graduate work in Library Science at the University of Illinois.

Capital Area Regional Library serves a population of 84,264 in Hinds, Scott and Simpson Counties. Services are maintained through branches and bookmobile routes.

The library operates under a Regional Board of Trustees appointed for a period of five years by the Boards of Supervisors in the cooperating counties. Presently, the Board is comprised of M. F. Herring and Mrs. S. C. Meisburg, chairman, from Hinds County, Fred A. Moore and O. B. Triplett from Scott County, and W. C. Scarborough, treasurer, from Simpson County.

Mrs. Owens brings to her new position a background of work in Jackson Public Library, in Veterans Administration Libraries in Jackson and Houston, Texas, and most recently in Milan Junior High School Library in Tupelo. Mrs. Booth is now living in Clinton with her two children, Mae Owens Booth, six years old, and George H. Booth II, seven years old.

## Mrs. Bateman Heads Lowndes Co. Library System

The trustees of the Lowndes County Library System and the trustees of the Columbus Public Library announce the appointment of Chebie Ann Bateman (Mrs. Douglas) as Director of the Lowndes County Library System.

Mrs. Bateman graduated from Stephen D. Lee High School in Columbus, Mississippi, attended Agnes Scott College in Decatur, Ga., received a B. S. Degree in Library Science from Mississippi State College for Women in 1949. From 1949-50 she served as Librarian in Starkville High School. She attended Columbia University in New York City and received the Master of Science Degree in Library Service in 1951. From 1952-54 she was Assistant Acquisitions Librarian and Assistant Reference and Extension Librarian in Mitchell Memorial Library in Mississippi State University. From 1954-55 she was a member of the faculty at Mississippi State College for Women and served as Serials Librarian in the Fant Memorial Library. In October, 1960, she joined the staff of the Lowndes County Library System; as of November, 1961, she has been appointed Director of Lowndes County Library System.



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# It's News To Me—

**Cornelia Bush**, M. S. C. W. graduate, is an assistant in the Cataloging Department at Mississippi State University. **Billie Bozone** is now head of the Serials Department.

**Dr. Willard O. Mishoff**, director of the M. S. C. W. Library, presented two lectures: "Academic and School Library History" and "Sources for Library History" during the Library History Seminar held at Florida State University Nov. 24. He also presided at a dinner discussion on "Library Histories in Process."

**Dr. Mishoff** also was moderator of a section of the High School and Junior College Counselors Conference which met on the campus at Columbus November 8th.

The Library at William Carey College exhibited the work of a beginning art class in pencil, pastels and charcoal, as an attraction for the college's senior high school weekend held in November.

**Margaret Ann Mize**, a summer graduate of Ole Miss, is now librarian at Greenwood High School.

Greenwood, Greenville and Columbus are three of the High School Libraries in the state that now have two full-time librarians.

Holly Springs has a new librarian this fall. **Cora Lee "Toni" Newsome** is working at the High School Library with **Sue Coltharp**.

**Mrs. Henry Green** of Tupelo, **Mrs. Ray Wilson** of Shaw, and **Kathleen McBrayer** of Greenville, were among the school librarians receiving their Masters of Library Science Degree at the University of Mississippi this past summer.

**Eleanor Drake**, Librarian at Peebles Junior High School, spent most of the summer touring Europe.

Some of the other new librarians

around the state are **Mrs. Mary Jo Morris** at Amory, **Mrs. Dixie Lee Chapman**, Corinth Junior High School.

**Mable Gaston**, Librarian at Greenville High School, taught Library Science at the University of Mississippi during the summer.

**Clyde Williams**, Librarian at Clinton High School, is quite busy moving into a brand new library.

**Alice Collins**, Catalog Librarian at the University, has recently made an addition to her collection of bottles. A gallon whiskey bottle of clear glass and conventional shape was received as a gift. The bottle was empty when received.

**Mrs. Vanda Cariani** of the Library Science Department faculty at the University, visited libraries in the area recently.

**Mrs. Stella S. Samuels**, Senior Librarian in the Circulation Department at the University, who has been a familiar figure to thousands of students since she joined the staff in 1946, plans to retire at the end of December.

Several maps, all over a hundred years old, have been donated to the University Library from the estate of **Myra Smith of Natchez**. The most interesting is an 1845 map of Mississippi on which are indicated all the 16th sections and names of many landholders. Some of our present counties on this map do not have substantive existence. The library has another copy of this map on which some previous owner, a member of the faculty, indicated revisions as they became fact.

**Mrs. Lotta Siler**, Yazoo librarian since June, 1960, resigned in May because of illness in her family. **Mrs. Siler** replaced the late **Mrs. Zana Montgomery**, county librarian, who had been at her post for 28 years.

## Challenges In Academic Library Education

By Sarah R. Reed, Exec. Sec.  
Committee on Accreditation And  
Library Education Div., A.L.A.

Academic librarians today face the challenges of serving more students than ever before. A quick look at recent census figures and a thoughtful glance at the college library standards gives some indication of the major considerations to be taken into account.

Given a top-flight staff, sufficient financial resources, and a creatively conceived library program, the individual and collective impact of the library staff upon the campus community should be a major concern of the library administrator and his staff. Is the library an important unit in the campus communications network? Does it serve as a campus materials center? Does it provide support for the educational program? Is there a climate which encourages a member of the staff to keep abreast of events and ideas both of a general nature and in his own special field?

What of the training for academic librarianship? Most library educators today agree that library education is composed of the knowledge and understandings represented by the core courses and by the individual's area of specialization. Educators differ sharply, however, on the advisability of prerequisites. Similarly there is much variation in the offerings in administration. In some schools, students will have a single administration course. In others they will have at least two courses — one in general administration and another in academic library administration. In several schools they may take still other courses of a more specialized nature.

As ALA President Florrinnell Morton said last year at the Emporia conference on **Education for Librarianship:**

"If we recruit persons with high potential, and if we give them broad professional education with emphasis upon book knowledge, if we prepare them for change, and if we infuse them with the concept of service, we will send into the profession young people who are capable of becoming librarians who will pursue excellence — excellence in their own performance, and excellence in the library programs of which they are a part. It then becomes the responsibility of the employer to utilize these new librarians to full extent, for only if they are so utilized will they be able to make the contribution for which they are capable."

To meet the challenges in academic librarianship today, librarians and educators will need to pool their efforts and work diligently for effective recruiting, for effective training programs, for effective use of personnel, and for effective library programming. Only such a concentration of attention will produce a sufficient number of academic librarians skilled in serving the present and ongoing needs of patrons who tomorrow may be called upon to make decisions which will affect the fortunes of the entire human race.

\*Summary of Address Before the College Section of MLA.

If you would not be forgotten as soon as you are dead, either write things worth reading or do things worth writing. — Franklin.

The man who does not read good books has no advantage over the man who can't read them. — Mark Twain.

## University Library Sets Pay Scale

Student assistants in the University of Mississippi Library are now being paid according to a graduated scale inaugurated the first of October. A beginning rate of 60 cents per hour is increased by five cents per hour for every complete semester of satisfactory service, up to a maximum of 95 cents per hour. A complete summer session of service will count as one semester. At certain times, when reliable and experienced students are in nominal charge of the library, a flat rate of one dollar per hour is paid.

Because of dormitory study conditions and increased demand for library service by advanced students, the library hours have been changed recently. The library is open Monday through Friday from eight in the morning until ten at night. In addition, the Reserve Reading Room is open the same nights until midnight. On Saturday the whole library closes at five o'clock. Sunday hours have also been increased.



The College Section Breakfast Session was attended by 70 members with Mrs. Etta Pace as chairman. New officers elected were: Miss Billie Bozone, Mississippi State University, Chairman; Mrs. Maude Anderson Smith, Mississippi Southern College, Vice-Chairman; Miss Nellie Ford Smith, Mississippi College, Secretary.

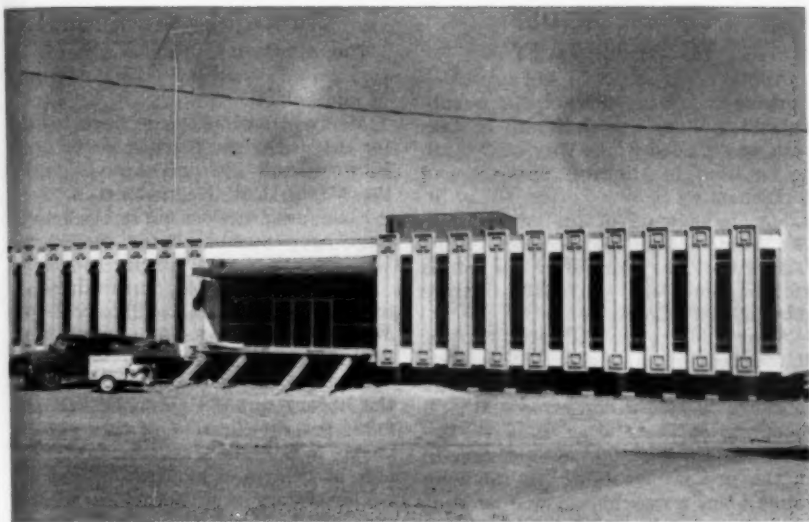
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## College Librarians Attend Education Institute

Among Mississippi librarians who attended the Institute on Library Education in the Southeast, Oct. 11-14, were **Marion Jones-Williams**, M. S. C. W.; **Anna M. Roberts**, Mississippi Southern; **Nellie Ford Smith**, Mississippi College; **Mrs. Mary Jo Magee**, Mississippi Southern.

The purpose of the meeting was to "develop course outlines for a basic core of Library Science courses which will provide a foundation for articulation of undergraduate and graduate programs in the Southeast."

Forty-two colleges and universities in the area were represented at the meeting. Consultants were Margaret I. Rufsvold, Indian University; Sarah R. Reed, ALA; Mrs. Florinell F. Morton, President of ALA, and Director of LSU Library School.

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## CURLEE HOUSE TO BE LIBRARY

Another milestone in library development was reached when the beautiful ante-bellum Curlee House in Corinth was deeded to the City of Corinth to be used for library purposes and a museum by Shelby Curlee, III, of St. Louis, in memory of his grandfather, Mr. S. H. Curlee, the founder of the Curlee Clothes. Mr. Curlee started his clothing company in Corinth before moving to St. Louis.

After consultation with Mrs. Currier it was decided to transfer all cultural functions of the Corinth Library, the museum, historical collection and club meetings to the Curlee House. The over-the-desk functions would remain in the present location. In the long range plans a new library will be built in close proximity of the Curlee House so as to consolidate all functions of the library.

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## Clarksdale Additions

The Clarksdale Public Library is very proud of several recent additions of equipment.

A new Auto-Page has been bought for the use of the patrons at the Main Library, and also an Auto-Page for the Myrtle Hall Negro Branch.

Eight new sections of steel shelving have been purchased for the Myrtle Hall Branch.

A "Valuable Papers" insurance policy has been taken out on both the Main Library and the Myrtle Hall Negro Branch which increased the amount of coverage on the books in the library to \$3.00 per book and provided for replacement of the contents of the adult and juvenile card catalogs, if destroyed by fire.

The library now boasts of a steel four-drawer fire-proof safe-file for the protection of the library's shelf list records.

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## Special Libraries

### Special Librarians Meet On Coast

Jerome Cushman, librarian of the New Orleans Public Library, was featured speaker for the Special Libraries Association, Louisiana Chapter meeting in Biloxi on November 11, according to Dora Beard, publicity chairman for the association.

Special librarians from Louisiana and Mississippi attended the meeting at the Buena Vista Hotel.

The subject of Mr. Cushman's address was Special Libraries — from the Public Library Angle. Mr. Cushman was recently named Librarian of the New Orleans library after having

served as chief librarian in Salina, Kan.

Within his profession, Mr. Cushman is known for his service as president of the Kansas Library Association and the Eight-State Regional Library Association and on the board of directors of the Public Library Association, and for his many contributions to professional publications.

During the Biloxi meeting, the special librarians toured the new library of the U. S. Veterans Administration Hospital in Gulfport.

### Mrs. Ruth Scharr To Head Section

Mrs. Ruth Scharr, librarian, Keesler Air Force Base, was elected chairman of the Special Libraries Section, MLA, at the annual convention in Jackson.

Vice President is Mrs. Maxine Grimes, Archives and History, Jackson; and Secretary is Mrs. Edith H. Everette, Keesler Air Force Base, Biloxi.



Mrs. Scharr

A book is a garden, an orchard, a storehouse, a party, a company by the way, a counsellor, a multitude of counsellors. — H. W. Beecher.

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## South's Libraries In Financial Pinch

By Winfred L. Godwin, Director  
Southern Regional Education Board

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following article appeared in the Press Register, Clarksdale, Miss., August 1, 1961.)

Books, stacked row upon row in modern university libraries, are the lifeblood of the South's educational system.

Too often the word "library" conjures up a dim, dust-laden room of medieval proportions with cobwebs hanging from 18th century printing dates. The picture is becoming obsolete.

Though 18th century books are still cherished and much sought, libraries today are most hard pressed to keep up with contemporary information published in various forms vital to any research undertaking . . . books, magnetic tape, punched cards, film and memory computers.

Keeping up with modern information presents its own special problems, not the least of which is the acquisition of periodical publications in specialized fields.

The Library of Congress and the Harvard University Library, two of the nation's largest, report that three-fourths of their annual additions are serial in form.

Science, the most written about and the fastest changing subject field, produces approximately 50,000 current periodicals, according to a recent survey. In biology 21,000 journals are being issued and "Chemical Abstracts" regularly analyzes the material of nearly 10,000 journals from 90 countries. No single library in the world has more than one-half of all available scientific journals. And even maintaining a fraction of them adds still further to a financial pinch felt by the libraries.

The American Library Association's

recently adopted "Standards for College Libraries" has recommended that, to maintain adequately, at least five per cent of the total educational and general budget be used to support library service.

However, a survey by the Louisiana State University Library, reports that actual library expenditures in the South ranged from .8 per cent at Mississippi State University to 8.0 per cent at Rice University. The average was only 2.9 per cent.

Of nine university libraries spending more than \$500,000 for books, periodicals and bindings in 1959-60, only the University of Texas was in the South. Of 29 libraries spending book budgets in excess of \$250,000, seven were Southern institutions — Duke, Florida, Kentucky, Louisiana, North Carolina, Oklahoma, and Texas.

Holdings of university libraries in 16 Southern states total only 40,000,000 volumes, while the Northeastern section of the country claims 220,000,000.

Four Southern universities are among 27 in the nation whose libraries hold more than one million volumes each — Duke, North Carolina, Texas and Virginia.

As enrollment pressures increase and curricula continue drastic changes; as the rate of book and periodical publishing continues its ascent, the library is going to become an even more critical problem of colleges and universities.

The solution to the problem lies in organized regional coordination and cooperation in the purchase and use of library holdings between states and institutions. Though some of this is already in evidence, it is far too little. The best use of Southern library facilities will demand active interest and decisive action on the part of educators and library officials.



## **School Libraries**

# **SLAM Holds Ninth Annual Convention**

Student Library Assistants from throughout the state held their ninth annual meeting at Millsaps College, Jackson, November 11, and elected officers for 1962.

Taking office will be: Douglas Allen, Canton High School, president; Rex Haris, Shady Grove Attendance Center, Jones County, vice president; Charlotte Delchamps, Forest Hill High School, Hinds County, secretary; and

Diane Brantley, Kilmichael, treasurer. Reporter will be Jerry Reed, Utica High School.

Over 70 schools were represented with a total of 657 people attending the one-day meeting.

Theme of the convention was "Books — The Key to Our American Heritage." In keeping with the theme, Dr. John K. Bettersworth, author of the latest Mississippi History, delivered an inspiring talk.

The second general session began at 1 p. m. with a panel discussion on "Fields of Librarianship." The panel consisted of Philip Ogilvie, public libraries; Mrs. Annette Wilder, school libraries; Miss Bethany Swearingen, college libraries; Alan Skelton, special libraries; and Miss Blanche McKeown, moderator.

Following the panel discussion, poster awards were made to Gulf Coast Military Academy and Riverside Consolidated School. The Louisiana Award went to Big Black Central High School, Kilmichael, Miss.

The 1962 SLAM meeting will be held at Clinton High School and Mississippi College.

## **School Librarians Hold Business Meeting At MLA**

The School Library Section of MLA held its business meeting on Friday, October 27, 1961. Mabel Gaston, section chairman, announced that the Student Library Assistants of Mississippi meeting would be held on November 11, 1961, at Millsaps College in the Christian Center Building. Other officers are: Mrs. Frances Hardy, Meridian Junior College, vice chairman, and Eleanor Drake, Peebles Junior High School, Jackson, secretary-treasurer.

Blanche McKeown, chairman of the Recruitment Committee of the Mississippi Library Association, discussed possibilities of setting up standards or qualifications to be used in selecting student library assistants in the secondary schools.

Mrs. Frances Hardy reported on her trip to Chicago last spring to attend the workshop sponsored by the American Association of School Librarians to study the 1960 edition of the Standards for School Libraries.

Saturday morning a joint meeting was held with the Public Library Section with Dr. Ralph S. Acker, Chief, Instructional Methods Branch, U. S. Army Engineer School, Fort Belvoir, Va., as the main speaker. He spoke on "Reading." Mabel Gaston presided at this meeting, and Alan Skelton introduced the speaker.



**Mabel Gaston**  
Section Chairman

## Scheduled Classes In Hattiesburg High School Library Prove Effective

By Glida Bethea, Librarian

Since all students at Hattiesburg High School take four major and two minor subjects, they do not have a study period, and the study hall no longer exists. The library is open each day from 8:00 till 8:30 o'clock for students and faculty use. Usually the library is filled with students who are using the library materials quietly and systematically. Also from 3:15 till 3:45, or later if necessary, the library remains open for the convenience of the students and teachers.

During the school day scheduled classes come to the library accompanied by the teacher. Before a class visits the library, the teacher and librarian have a conference about what materials will be used, type of research or reports assigned, etc. The librarian and student assistants then

know exactly what books and materials will be needed. Often these are put on reserve for that particular teacher's classes.

On the first visit of each class to the library the librarian gives instruction in the use of the library tools, location of the materials, regulations for checking out books and other library procedures. Often this instruction will take days, and then the librarian and the teacher can give individual assistance to those who need it. Knowing how to use the library effectively saves students time and gives them confidence.

The master schedule for each term remains on the librarian's desk and the teachers may schedule class visits in advance. Two classes can be scheduled in the library during the same

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period if they will not be using the same materials. For example, Latin Classes and Speech Classes will not conflict. The library schedule is flexible. A teacher may cancel her classes' visits if he finds the students are not quite ready to use the library. Other classes may then come to the library on very short notice.

Often a need arises for groups of students from classes to come to the library. These students may come on a written pass issued by the classroom teacher. Committees from speech classes take advantage of this opportunity. Two conference rooms are available for committee or group work and students may talk and plan together without disturbing the groups in the library.

This system of scheduled classes using the library does need improve-

ment. More classes should visit the library. Yet the number of classes scheduled in the library has more than doubled in number from last year. Teachers and the librarian are planning and working together more closely for more scheduled classes in the library.

The students respect the library and consider it a privilege to visit it. The library is a quiet, comfortable, well-lighted building that welcomes all students and teachers who want to open up new worlds of knowledge.

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**ATTENTION, ALL SCHOOL LIBRARIANS:** Please send articles about your library, yourself, and your club to Miss Alene Valentine, Reporter, Mississippi Library News, Collins High School, Collins, Miss.



Student Library Assistants at Morton High School who aid Mrs. Lillie Mae Aycock, librarian, are, left to right, standing: Betty Jean Smith, Mrs. Aycock, Mary Ann Jones; seated: Timothy Hales, Atlee Harmon, Glenn Laughlin, Linda Blissett, Joyce Milner, Carolyn Merchant. The graduated class of 1961 presented to the library a white mahogany desk.

## Trustees' Section

### Trustee's Profile — Mrs. James R. Bowie

#### Trustee's Profile—Mrs James R Bowie

An outstanding teacher-librarian is Mrs. James R. Bowie, who for fourteen years has devoted herself unstintedly to the tasks of building the Durant School Library into one of the finest in the state for its size and of promoting the reading of challenging and rewarding books.

For a number of years she has served efficiently on the Holmes County Library Board and at present is chairman.

For her excellent academic and musical training she attended Mississippi State College for Women. Courses taken at Mississippi Southern College, Mississippi State University, and the University of Alabama have qualified her for a librarian.

Mrs. Bowie is creative, resourceful, and alert. She attends workshops and reads widely to contribute to her professional growth.

She possesses a deep love for children and gives generously of her time and means to help them with their school work and extra curricular activities. She is interested in all phases of the lives of her students and former students. To them she is an inspiration and a confidante.

Pleasingly attractive in appearance, open-minded, tactful and poised, Mrs. Bowie possesses the love and esteem of all who know her. She gives liberally of her time, talents and energy



MRS. BOWIE

to help or advise her co-workers; and she instills in all the desire to accomplish greater things.

For years she has used her musical talent as accompanist for the Durant Glee Club and has assisted the director by training the boys.

She is a member of the Parent-Teacher Association, the Mississippi Education Association, and Delta Kappa Gamma, also the Mississippi Library Association.

To her community she has contributed much. She is church pianist, has served for years as a Sunday School teacher, and has been largely responsible for many Christmas and Easter programs in the church.

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Exchanging the chairmanship of the trustees section of Mississippi Library Association during the convention are: Mrs. S. C. Meisburg, Capital Area Regional Board, new chairman, and Mrs. Gordon White, Lauderdale County Library Board, Bailey, retiring chairman. Other trustees section officers include Grady Thigpen, Jr., Picayune Library Board, vice president; and Mrs. Roy King, Lincoln-Lawrence Regional Board, secretary.

We should be as careful of the books we read as of the company we keep. The dead very often have more power than the living. — Tryon Edwards.

## Influential Library Trustee, Judge F. D. Hewitt, Dies

The McComb Library Association lost its president and most faithful member in the death of Honorable F. D. Hewitt recently.

The late Chancellor Hewitt was a long-time president and leader in the McComb Library. In a recent resolution passed by the Library Board, Judge Hewitt was praised for his outstanding contribution to the McComb Library. The resolution cited the fact that Judge Hewitt began his efforts for the library soon after he came to McComb to start his law practice in 1907.

E. O. (Gene) Murrell, a prominent figure in McComb for many years, has been elevated to the presidency of the McComb Public Library Board of Directors. The new president has served on the McComb Library Board for 20 years.

Other officers of the board are R. P. Stedman, Sr., vice president; Mrs. Sam Sherrill, secretary; Warren Wild, treasurer. Other members are Mrs. J. T. Lyons, Mrs. Joseph Walker, Mrs. P. J. Batrous, Sr., and Mrs. Eula Walker, librarian.

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# **Public Library STATISTICS 1960-1961**

## Introduction

"Block That Phony Statistic" is an arresting title for an editorial, especially if it catches the eye of the Director of the Library Commission just as she and the Editor of MLN sit down to pull together significant data from the annual reports of the public libraries.

Calling attention to the use being made currently of the Phony Statistic "an increasingly popular device," LIFE in its issue of November 17, 1961, refers to a fuller treatment in November FORTUNE and causes one to approach statistics more thoughtfully than he may otherwise do. Daniel Seligman in FORTUNE presents two categories: the Meaningless Statistic and the Unknowable. Public library figures may well contain both.

On Page 213 of MLN for December, 1959, the Library Commission put it this way: "No other responsibility gives the Library Commission as much concern as does that of assembling, compiling and and distributing library statistics. While figures do not lie, they do, when printed without explanatory and interpretative background, often fail to tell the truth . . . The longer one thinks about statistics and dwells on figures as a measure of libraries or as a means for making comparisons among different libraries the more questions arise and the further the answers recede."

LIFE puts it better: "The moral is that statistics are useful . . . but before you buy them and throw them around, look at them twice to see exactly what they mean — if anything."

Exactly what do the statistics presented on the following pages mean — if anything? What do they attempt to show?

The outline presented below gives the framework of the statistics:

- I Appropriations for Public Libraries, made by local city and county authorities.
- II Public Support of Public Libraries, comparing the different counties in the State.
- III Public Library Expenditures, item by item.
- IV Personnel Data showing salaries and qualifications of librarians in selected typical libraries.
- V Decades of Difference, showing the progress made in public library service at both state and local levels during the last twenty years.

Some of the detailed questions which it is hoped these statistics will answer include:

- Who supports public libraries in Mississippi — cities or counties, or both? If both, to what comparative degree?
- How well do counties support their public libraries in relation to their ability to support them? (These compilations are based on the Economic Index of each county worked out by the State Department of Education, which Index is based on

these items of each county's wealth: State assessed valuation of public utilities; State sales tax; counties' per cent of State total motor vehicle license receipts; counties' per cent of total value of farm products; counties' per cent of total State personal income tax and the counties' per cent of State's gainfully employed non-farm and non-governmental workers.)

- Which counties have large enough basic incomes to permit library service of creditable standards?
- What is the per capita support of public libraries within the various counties of the state?
- What is the relationship between the size of the basic income and the per capita support?
- What do Mississippi libraries pay their librarians? What qualifications of formal training do these librarians have?
- What growth has taken place in Mississippi in numbers of libraries, in book resources, in funds available for library purposes?
- What is the relative involvement of the Federal government in the public library picture at the state level?
- What do the statistics show in regard to the trend toward systems of libraries? What has been the growth in number of administrative units in relation to the number of stationary outlets?

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### OMISSIONS

These libraries were not included in the following appropriations and expenditures statistics because they did not submit annual reports for the year 1960-61: George County Library, Newton Public Library, Okolona Carnegie Library, Pass Christian Public Library.

Biloxi Public Library submitted appropriations statistics only and is not included in the expenditures statistics.

During 1960-61 Poplarville Public Library was in a state of complete reorganization and formal statistics were not available in detail.

Clarke County has not been included because the county combines the two positions of Librarian and Veteran Services Officer and it is not possible to separate the amount of appropriations, materials, supplies or services designated for each. Additional public library facilities were opened in Quitman on October 14, 1961, and can be reported in public library statistics for 1961-62.

These counties were not included because they have no public libraries within their borders: Carroll, Greene, Issaquena, Kemper, Rankin, Tunica, Webster.

All counties are listed in the PUBLIC SUPPORT OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES table for their economic index and population ranks even though library statistics are not given for the above reasons.

# APPROPRIATIONS FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES

## By Local Authorities City and County

Amount Appropriated for Year Ending Sept. 30, 1961

Library Administrative Unit	By County Boards Of Supervisors	By Municipal Officers	Total Public Funds
Amite County System	501	570	1,071
Arcola	1,200		1,200
Bay Springs		600	600
Bay St. Louis, City - County Mem.	3,600	2,000	5,600
Biloxi	10,000	11,000	21,000
Bolivar County	31,855	*** 3,357	35,212
Bude		300	300
Canton	1,200	4,880	6,080
Capital Area Regional	71,217	120	71,337
Clarksdale - Carnegie	20,000	28,880	48,880
Copiah - Jefferson Regional	22,329	3,541	25,870
Dixie Regional	20,912	2,265	23,177
Ellisville	500	150	650
Evans Memorial - Aberdeen		2,654	* 2,654
First Regional	41,779		41,779
Fisk - Natchez	19,500	19,500	39,000
Flora		247	247
Glen Allan	1,200		1,200
Grenwood - Leflore	19,750	17,050	36,800
Grenada County	9,216	3,200	12,416
Gulfport - Harrison County	35,000	12,000	47,000
Harriett Person Mem. - Port Gibson	720	720	1,440
Hattiesburg	17,324	24,026	41,350
Henry Seymour - Indianola	**** 7,900	5,326	13,226
Hollandale	1,200		1,200
Holmes County	10,320	2,910	13,230
Houston Carnegie	250	2,338	2,588

**Amount Appropriated for Year Ending Sept. 30, 1961**

<b>Library Administrative Unit</b>	<b>By County Boards Of Supervisors</b>	<b>By Municipal Officers</b>	<b>Total Public Funds</b>
Isola		180	180
Jackson County - Pascagoula City	34,270	18,589	52,859
Jackson Municipal		*** 180,000	180,000
Jefferson Davis County	3,000		3,000
Laurel Library Association	2,500	1,600	** 4,100
Leake County	2,137	120	2,257
Lee - Itawamba Library System	30,485	11,733	42,218
Leland	2,400	2,468	4,868
Lincoln - Lawrence Regional	21,240	4,167	25,407
Long Beach	500	1,200	1,700
Lowndes County	6,657	10,000	16,657
Magnolia		540	540
Marshall County	11,451	1,100	12,551
Meridian - Neshoba Library Service	30,582	44,280	74,862
Mid - Mississippi Regional	25,054	1,500	26,554
Montgomery County	1,200	350	1,550
Moss Point	1,200	8,500	9,700
McComb	530	1,800	** 2,330
Northeast Regional	49,020	3,000	52,020
Noxubee County	4,000	1,740	5,740
Oktibbeha County	900	420	1,320
Picayune	600	4,800	5,400
Pine Forest Regional	26,489	450	26,939
Quitman County	500	1,700	2,200
Sharkey County	8,000	700	8,700
Shelby Memorial - Columbia	3,000	3,600	6,600
Sunflower County	8,292	3,852	12,144
Tallahatchie County	12,000		12,000
Tombigbee Regional	29,247	5,202	34,449
Union County	11,135	720	11,855

**Amount Appropriated for Year Ending Sept. 30, 1961**

<b>Library Administrative Unit</b>	<b>By County Boards Of Supervisors</b>	<b>By Municipal Officers</b>	<b>Total Public Funds</b>
Vicksburg	10,000	16,200	26,200
Walthall County	2,280	360	2,640
Water Valley		1,849	1,849
Wayne County		300	300
Wilkinson County System	948	300	1,248
Wm. A. Percy Mem. - Greenville	9,000	21,400	30,400
Yazoo City Library Association	3,000	1,440	** 4,440
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>699,090</b>	<b>503,794</b>	<b>1,202,884</b>

\* Does not include \$12,235 from endowment or \$1,467 from Monroe County funds which are appropriated by the county to Tombigbee Regional Library and transferred to Evans Memorial.

\*\* Does not include private endowments or fees charged for library use.

\*\*\* Does not include capital investment made by the cities of Cleveland and Jackson in erecting new library buildings.

\*\*\*\* Based on tax levy from Beat 3 only.



# PUBLIC SUPPORT OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES

## Comparatively Speaking

County	Economic Index Of County	Rank in Economic Index (Ability to Support)	Population of County	Rank of County In Total Population	Total Library Support From Public Funds Both City And County	Rank of County In Total Support (Effort to Support)	County Per Capita Support	Rank in County Per Capita Support
Hinds	14.0387	1	187,045	1	\$227,120	1	\$1.21	1
Harrison	5.44955	2	119,489	2	69,700	2	.583	29
Lauderdale	4.43121	3	67,119	4	65,428	3	.97	5
Washington	4.0541	4	78,638	3	38,868	8	.49	38
Jones	3.40895	5	59,542	5	4,750	52	.07	65
Forrest	3.38904	6	52,722	8	41,350	6	.79	11
Leflore	3.27289	7	47,142	9	36,800	9	.78	12
Bolivar	2.72851	8	54,464	7	35,212	11	.644	22
Adams	2.71086	9	37,730	15	39,000	7	1.03	4
Jackson	2.50593	10	55,522	6	62,550	4	1.12	2
Warren	2.23278	11	42,206	13	26,200	12	.62	25
Choctaw	2.11653	12	46,212	11	48,880	5	1.05	3

(Public Support Of Public Libraries, Continued)

County	Economic Index Of County	Rank in Economic Index (Ability to Support)	Population Of County	Rank of County In Total Population	Total Library Support From Public Funds Both City And County	Rank of County In Total Support (Effort to Support)	County Per Capita Support	Rank in County Per Capita Support
Lowndes	1.95796	13	46,639	10	16,657	18	.36	48
Pike	1.77214	14	35,063	16	2,870	57	.08	64
Lee	1.76434	15	40,589	14	36,218	10	.89	7
Sunflower	1.62413	16	45,750	12	25,370	13	.55	32
Monroe	1.49801	17	33,953	18	21,755	14	.64	23
Yazoo	1.42579	18	31,653	20	4,440	53	.108	61
Rankin	1.3212	19	34,322	17				
Lincoln	1.29431	20	26,759	24	18,800	17	.70	14
Panola	1.25602	21	28,791	21	13,500	22	.468	42
Alcorn	1.16986	22	25,282	26	20,934	15	.82	9
Madison	1.11177	23	32,904	19	6,327	45	.19	54
Marion	1.02298	24	23,293	30	6,600	42	.28	50
Copiah	1.02226	25	27,051	23	19,292	16	.71	13
Attala	1.02127	26	21,335	33	14,100	21	.66	18
Pearl River	.99330	27	* 22,411	31	5,400	49	.24	52

(Public Support Of Public Libraries, Continued)

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Grenada	.90767	28	18,409	44	12,416	27	.67	17
Holmes	.86202	29	27,096	22	13,230	23	.488	39
DeSoto	.86028	30	23,891	29	13,000	24	.54	33
Tallahatchie	.84086	31	24,081	28	12,000	28	.50	37
Scott	.83117	32	21,187	34	9,930	32	.46	43
Tunica	.78134	33	16,826	50.5				
Clarke	.77338	34	16,493	52				
Marshall	.77084	35	24,503	27	12,551	25	.51	36
Winston	.74042	36	19,244	39	12,454	26	.647	20
Simpson	.73464	37	20,454	37	14,287	20	.69	15
Oktibbeha	.73148	38	26,175	25	1,320	65	.05	67
Lafayette	.72710	39	21,355	32	10,313	31	.483	40
Union	.72580	40	18,904	42	11,855	29	.627	24
Quitman	.72548	41	21,019	35	2,200	61	.104	62
Humphreys	.69492	42	19,093	40	180	71	.009	71
Walthall	.67731	43	13,512	64	2,640	58	.109	60
Hancock	.66963	44	14,039	59	5,600	48	.398	46
Clay	.65215	45	18,933	41	11,004	30	.58	31
Newton	.64500	46	19,517	38				
Jasper	.63121	47	16,909	48	600	68	.035	68
Tate	.61452	48	19,138	45	4,966	51	.27	51

County	Economic Index Of County	Rank in Economic Index (Ability to Support)	Population Of County	Rank of County In Total Population	Total Library Support From Public Funds Both City And County	Rank of County In Total Support (Effort to Support)	County Per Capita Support	Rank in County Per Capita Support
Neshoba	.59419	49	20,927	36	9,433	33	.45	44
Jefferson Davis	.58292	50	13,540	63	3,000	56	.22	53
Lamar	.57961	51	13,675	61	9,268	34	.677	16
Covington	.56795	52	13,637	62	8,180	37	.60	27
Noxubee	.51781	53	16,826	50.5	5,740	47	.34	49
Yalobusha	.51760	54	12,502	67	1,849	62	.14	56
Sharkey	.51121	55	10,738	72	8,700	35	.81	10
Amite	.50612	56	15,573	55	1,071	67	.06	66
Wayne	.50345	57	16,258	53	300	70	.01	70
Montgomery	.49731	58	13,320	65	1,550	63	.11	59
Wilkinson	.49001	59	13,235	66	1,248	66	.09	63
Tippah	.48612	60	15,083	56	7,852	39	.52	34
Chickasaw	.48599	61	16,891	49	2,588	59	.15	55
Prentiss	.48529	62	17,949	46	8,450	36	.41	45
Pontotoc	.48355	63	17,232	47	15,512	19	.90	6
Calhoun	.45535	64	15,941	54	7,665	40	.48	41

(Public Support Of Public Libraries, Continued)

Leake	.42323	65	18,660	43	2,259	60	.12	58
George	.40631	66	11,098	69				
Jefferson	.40168	67	10,142	75	6,578	43	.65	19
Itawamba	.39917	68	15,080	57	6,000	46	.397	47
Tishomingo	.39817	69	13,869	60	8,086	38	.582	30
Lawrence	.39680	70	10,215	74	6,607	44	.646	21
Smith	.37902	71	14,303	58				
Franklin	.37053	72	9,286	76	300	69	.03	69
Clalborne	.33500	73	10,845	71	1,440	64	.13	57
Perry	.29062	74	8,745	77	5,391	50	.61	26
Carroll	.29059	75	11,177	69				
Webster	.28481	76	10,590	73				
Benton	.27871	77	7,723	80	6,697	41	.86	8
Choctaw	.27800	78	8,423	78	4,344	54	.515	35
Stone	.25441	79	7,013	81	4,100	55	.584	28
Issaquena	.24033	80	3,576	82				
Kemper	.23960	81	12,277	68				
Greene	.20100	82	8,366	79				

## PUBLIC LIBRARY EXPENDITURES

Library Administrative Unit	Salaries	Library Materials	Capital Outlay	Maintenance And Operation	Miscellaneous	Total
Amite County System	257			574	12	843
Arcola	267	26	342	231	22	888
Bay Springs	451	46				497
Bay St. Louis	3,156	581	238	772	835	5,582
Bolivar County		19,246	3,842	5,422	401	34,551
Bude			218	91	3	312
Capital Area Regional	43,510	18,355	1,650	10,476	1,586	75,577
Clarksdale-Carnegie	23,540	11,100	3,701	4,721	1,330	44,392
Copiah-Jefferson Regional	15,472	6,833	1,269	3,608	506	27,688
Dixie Regional	12,163	3,857	8,304	2,399	55	26,778
Ellisville	118	8	6			132
Evans Memorial-Aberdeen	8,088	1,801	5,662	462	29	16,042
First Regional	38,790	8,077		5,548	1,015	53,430
Fisk-Natchez	25,896	11,818	2,102	5,798	145	45,759
Flora		22	511			533
Glen Allan	315	500				815
Greenwood Leflore	27,203	7,932	610	2,294	236	38,275
Grenada County	8,955	1,833	106	804	232	11,930
Gulfport-Carnegie	26,255	12,819	915	5,096	203	45,288
Harriet Person Memorial-Port Gibson	747	755	203	49	13	1,767
Hattiesburg	23,555	10,698	1,226	5,629	156	41,264
Henry M. Seymour-Indianola	8,521	4,643	933	1,272	363	15,732
Hollandale	901			7		908



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Library Administrative Unit	Salaries	Library Materials	Capital Outlay	Maintenance And Operation	Miscellaneous	Total
Holmes County	8,298	3,261	63	1,498	129	13,249
Houston-Carnegie	1,010	874	321	292	76	2,573
Isola	180	134				314
Jackson County-Pascagoula City	19,750	6,295	591	6,440	60	33,136
Jackson Municipal	116,040	52,604	1,154	10,200	239	180,237
Jefferson Davis County	1,240	386		940	420	2,986
Laurel Library Association	7,184	2,605	48	1,136	367	11,340
Leake County	1,281	513	15	343		2,152
Lee-Itawamba Library System	22,559	15,045	2,260	4,735	91	44,690
Leland	2,138	2,139	455	607	62	5,401
Lincoln-Lawrence Regional	15,319	7,831	4,257	3,121	117	30,645
Long Beach	845	640	45	538	21	2,089
Lowndes County	9,226	4,094	6,222	1,200	64	20,806
Marshall County	5,004	5,643	475	2,319	975	14,416
McComb Library Assn.	2,164	1,237	264	638		4,303
Meridian-Neshoba Library Service	49,795	16,370	4,054	8,664	235	79,118
Mid-Mississippi	18,862	7,495	1,875	3,944	204	32,380
Montgomery County	1,430	269	10			1,709
Moss Point	5,636	2,964	684	472	150	9,906
Northeast Regional	40,225	8,190	372	5,635	14,422	68,844
Noxubee County	4,148	1,711	42	1,020	47	6,968
Oktibbeha County	653	445	400	12		1,510
Osyka			266			266

(Public Library Expenditures, Continued)

Library Administrative Unit	Salaries	Library Materials	Capital Outlay	Maintenance And Operation	Miscellaneous	Total
Picayune	2,908	1,412		279	69	4,668
Pine Forest Regional	16,723	3,657	679	5,593	33	26,685
Quitman County	390	757	309	462		1,918
Raleigh			16	491	7	514
Sharkey County	1,989	679		17		2,685
Sunflower County	7,874	2,830		796	104	11,604
Shelby Memorial-Columbia	3,325	1,859	340	468		5,992
Tallahatchie County	4,444	4,412		1,720	234	10,810
Tombigbee Regional	22,428	7,551	2,766	4,050	1,617	38,412
Union County	6,490	4,463	422	1,047	27	12,449
Vicksburg	16,273	7,136	896	2,456	609	27,370
Walthall County	1,428	1,165		39		2,632
Water Valley	1,486			497	12	1,995
Wilkinson County System	1,884	290	29	722	13	2,938
Wm. A. Percy Memorial-Greenville	17,909	6,632	2,400	2,154	312	29,407
Yazoo City	4,507	1,943	368	1,071		7,889
TOTALS	730,451	291,077	65,734	136,321	27,858	1,251,441

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# PERSONNEL DATA

SERVICE PATTERN	SELECTED LIBRARIES		HEAD LIBRARIAN FORMAL TRAINING				SECOND HIGHEST SALARY	
	Total Population Served	Number of Counties	Number of Stationary Units (Headquarters Plus Branches)	5 Years of College Degree in L. S. 4 Years Plus Graduate Major in L. S. 4 Years of College With B. S. or B. A. in subject field plus courses in L. S. B. S. or B. A. in subject field without courses in L. S. Some College Courses Including L. S. and General Subjects	ANNUAL SALARY	ANNUAL SALARY	POSITION	
Multi-County library systems serving 2 or more counties with several branches and bookmobile service	92,175	4	11	X	5760	4800	Assistant Director	
	88,046	2	3	X	6000	4800	Asst. and Ref. Hd.	
	84,264	3	23	X	4800	3600	Assistant Director	
	79,936	5	14	X	5000	*		
	61,309	3	7	X	4800	*		
	55,669	2	3	X	4500	3800	Readers Advisor	
	43,070	4	9	X	3900	2400	Assistant Librarian	
	40,581	2	2	X	3750	2760	Bookmobile Librarian	
	36,974	2	3	X	4632	3312	Bookmobile Librarian	

SERVICE PATER	SELECTED LIBRARIES			HEAD LIBRARIAN FORMAL TRAINING				SECOND HIGHEST SALARY				
	Total Population Served	Number of Counties	Number of Stationary Units (Headquarters Plus Branches)	5 Years of College Major in L. S.	4 Years of College With Major in L. S.	B. S. or B. A. in subject field plus courses in L. S.	B. S. or B. A. in subject field with courses in L. S.	Some College Courses Including L. S. and General Subjects	ANNUAL SALARY	ANNUAL SALARY	POSITION	
City-County or County Systems serving entire county; providing municipal service at headquarters and operating branches and bookmobile service	37,730	1	2		X				5400	4320	Reference Librarian	
	66,785	1	3	X					4800	2640	Bookmobile Librarian and Technical Process	
	48,891	1	3					X	4800	4140	Assistant Librarian	
	54,464	1	10				X		4200	4200	Bookmobile Librarian	
	52,722	1	3	X					6000	*		
	46,639	1	3	X					4200	2400	Bookmobile Librarian	
	47,142	1	8					X	4461	3565	Assistant Librarian & Cataloger	
42,206		2				X			3900	2700	Assistant Librarian	

42,206	2	X	3900	2700	Assistant Librarian
18,409		X	3900	2850	Circulation Head
18,904			3600	2400	Assistant Librarian
78,638	2	X	5100	3375	Assistant Librarian
7,834			X 4800	3000	Assistant Librarian
6,631	2	X	4200	900	Assistant Librarian
6,450			X 2700	1248	Assistant Librarian
11,508			X 4140	2640	Assistant Librarian
144,422	6	X	8124	5640	Assistant Librarian & Reference Head

Libraries concentrating their services in one town although they receive some county support and wel-

come county borrowers

Municipal libraries with income and service responsibilities limited to their municipalities

\*Part time employment situations make comparisons invalid

# DECADES OF DIFFERENCE

## Public Library Service at the State Level

	Sept. 1941	Sept. 1951	Sept. 1961
Amount of appropriation to the Mississippi Library Commission by the State Legislature	\$9,000.00	\$54,740.00	\$103,500.00
Amount of help from the Federal government	WPA provided funds for ten employees and 26,265 books	None	Library Services Act \$191,340
Number of books owned by the Mississippi Library Commission	4335	38,748	144,970

## Public Library Service at the Local Level

Number of Administrative library units	38	59	73
Number of stationary service points	*44	*88	167
Number of counties with bookmobile service	*5	*12	44
Total local financial support	**\$86,989.00	**\$454,180.00	***\$1,202,884.00
Total local expenditures for all purposes	\$83,821.00	\$386,870.00	\$1,251,441.00
Amount spent locally for library materials (Books, periodicals, binding)	\$33,208.19	\$98,084.91	\$291,077.00
Number of volumes owned	395,593	625,456	1,251,522
Number of multi-county (or regional libraries)	none	1	11

\*Estimated; records not tabulated in exactly same manner as those for 1961.

\*\*Includes gifts and fines.

\*\*\*From public funds only.



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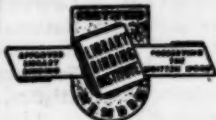
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